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21 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Vice President's Tour: Foreign radio and press comment on Vice President Johnson's tour of eastern Mediterranean countries was reviewed in a World Reaction Series supplement to the Daily Report. The Mediterranean Bureau rendered many special services to the Vice Presidential party while they were in Cyprus. Greek and Turkish monitors were detailed to translate the vernacular press for Vice President Johnson and to act as official interpreters. A senior editor was detailed to the American Embassy in Nicosia to edit the USIS overseas file for presentation to Mr. Johnson and his party. Reviews of foreign comment on the trip were prepared and throughout the tour the Bureau provided textual materials pertaining to the visit to the appropriate American embassies for delivery to the Vice President. [redacted] 50X1

2. Disarmament Conference Support: FBIS continued its service to the Agency representative on the U. S. disarmament delegation in Geneva, with textual materials from field bureaus and propaganda-analysis cables from Headquarters supplied through the period of the conference recess in September. [redacted] 50X1

3. Radio Propaganda Report: RS. 53, "Political Implications of the New Soviet Military Doctrine," was issued on 12 September, reviewing indications in the Soviet military press of greater assertiveness on the part of the Soviet military in the sphere of state defense policy. [redacted] 50X1

4. Cuban Crisis: A Special Memorandum for the DD/I reviewed foreign radio and press treatment of the Soviet military buildup in Cuba following the announcement that the USSR would supply Cuba with arms and military technicians. Copies of the memorandum were sent to OCI, OSI, DD/P, USIA, the Departments of State and Defense, and the National Security Council. [redacted] 50X1

5. New Cuban Reports: A letter has been sent to the intelligence community announcing a new Radio Propaganda Report series on Cuba, scheduled to begin in late October. Copies of the reports will be distributed to FBIS field bureaus which have contributed to them. The reports will treat selected salient aspects of Cuban internal and international radio and press service propaganda, with emphasis on domestic problems. It is planned also to include some coverage of Cuban propaganda addressed to the rest of Latin America, as well as significant elements of Havana propaganda that bear on Cuba's relationship with the Sino-Soviet bloc. [redacted] 50X1

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6. Cooperation with FDD: The Foreign Documents Division expressed appreciation for the fine job the German Bureau did in preparing mimeograph stencils for a translation of a lengthy Ulbricht article in the East German theoretical journal EINHEIT. The Bureau's suggestion that it process the text of the item from the journal, rather than mere excerpts carried in the daily NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, met with approval by all concerned. The mats were used for an FDD publication, while the advance carbons were utilized by RPB for an analysis project. This is an excellent example of coordinated interdivision cooperation.

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7. Communications:

a. A change was made in Saigon Bureau communications whereby its traffic enters the common-user system at Okinawa instead of Manila.

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b. The Mediterranean Bureau has established a land-line link to the State Department Radio Station. The Bureau now has direct regular access to common-user facilities.

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8. During the month 87 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 13 percent to press scrutiny.

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE -- INTERNAL USE ONLY: This control marking may be used for unclassified, nonsensitive administrative information which should not be disseminated outside of FBIS. Stamps will be issued to bureaus in the near future.

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10. Reference Form 360, Foreign Real Property Report: Bureaus are requested to complete the section titled "living quarters" for all quarters leased by FBIS.

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11. The following regulatory issuances were disseminated:

<u>Notice No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
62-15	Criteria for Language Training and Awards	31 July 1962
62-16	Cancellation of FBIS Notices	14 August 1962
62-17	Designation of Officers	15 August 1962
62-18	Preparation of Cables	14 August 1962
62-19	U. S. Civil Service Retirement	23 August 1962

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<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Date</u>
FB 10-9	Safety Program at FBIS Bureaus		14 August 1962
FB 22	Travel	Revised	10 August 1962
FB 30-3	Standardized Accounting System		10 August 1962
FB 45-6	Provision of Quarters Overseas		14 August 1962

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Okinawa Bureau: The Okinawa Bureau is commended for its prompt handling of the NCNA report that a U-2 reconnaissance plane had been shot down over eastern China 9 September. The one-sentence text, intercepted in Chinese, cleared the FBIS Wire 31 minutes before the domestic news services flashed the initial report.

East Coast Bureau:

1. A 100-word flash on Fidel Castro's 25 August communique charging that U. S. ships had fired on Havana was transmitted over the FBIS Wire eleven minutes ahead of any report from the domestic news services. The East Coast Bureau, intercepting the communique from Radio Havana at 1140 GMT, prepared and filed its FYI within ten minutes of the start of the broadcast.

2. The bureau also did a fine job in the handling of Castro's 10 September speech to municipal education groups. The initial excerpts dealing with U. S. - Cuban and USSR - Cuban relations were comprehensive, and text of the 88-minute speech was completed in good time.

London Bureau: The Bureau's FYI based upon a TASS announcement 22 August that the Soviet commandant's office in Berlin had been abolished was flashed to FBIS Wire consumers eight minutes in advance of the initial bulletin by domestic news agencies. London filed its first report seven minutes after the start of interception.

Mediterranean Bureau: According to the Cabinet change list for 4 June 1962, the names of the president and premier of Israel are rendered with hyphens -- Ben-Zvi and Ben-Gurion.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Report deadlines: Bureaus are requested to insure the timely arrival in Headquarters of required wire-filed Coverage Change and Production reports. Headquarters processing schedules are dependent on adherence by Bureaus to submission deadlines.

2. Coverage corrections: Corrections to the FBIS Coverage List by Bureaus is appreciated and they are encouraged to continue this practice. It is a continuing concern to insure the List accurately reflects the FBIS coverage effort.

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3. German Bureau Move: Plans for the new bureau quarters at 5 Platen Strasse in Frankfurt were approved by the Regional Building Officer at the American Embassy in Bonn. Necessary modifications to meet the Bureau's operational requirements have begun.

4. Key West: The Post has moved to its new Operations Building and delivery of the video tape recorder is expected momentarily.

5. Encroachment Problem: The Mediterranean Bureau faces an ever growing encroachment problem from noise producing activities in the vicinity of its antenna field. The bureau chief has therefore been given full authority to renegotiate the land leases whereby FBIS maintains pole rights. The new leases will be more restrictive in regard to the landowners' activities.

6. Mobile Monitoring Unit: The van which will house a mobile monitoring unit has been delivered to the East Coast Bureau where the unit will be assembled.

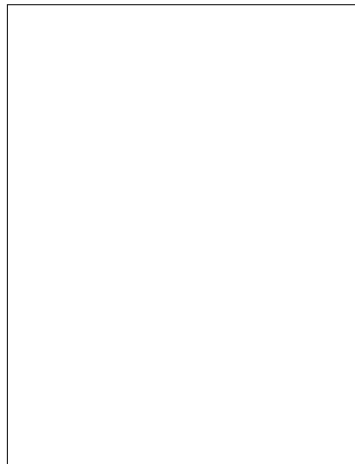
ADMINISTRATION

Arrivals and Departures: Administrative messages reporting the arrival or the departure of classified personnel should be addressed to the Chief, FBIS rather than to a staff officer, and should always contain the specific date, not merely the notation "as scheduled". Time of day is not normally needed.

Personnel:

1. New Employees

Assignment



Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Section
Editorial Branch

Editor, Far East Section
Editorial Branch

Analyst, Bloc Foreign Affairs (Returned to
Section, Radio Propaganda Branch FBIS)

Editor, USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Section (Returned to
Editorial Branch FBIS)

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2. Reassignments



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Admin Assistant Administrative Staff	Admin Officer Mediterranean Bureau	
Senior Editor Okinawa Bureau	Sr. Editor, Wire Service Sect., Editorial Branch	
Watch Officer East Coast Bureau	Watch Officer West Coast Bureau	
Editor Okinawa Bureau	Editor, Far East Sect. Editorial Branch	
Senior Editor Okinawa Bureau	Sr. Editor, Far East Sect., Editorial Br.	
Cruising Monitor East Coast Bureau	Cruising Monitor Mediterranean Bureau	
Multi-Monitor East Coast Bureau	Chief Key West Post	
Chief Engineer East Coast Bureau	Chief Engineer Okinawa Bureau	
Senior Editor Editorial Branch	Operations Officer Okinawa Bureau	
Chief Key West Post	Analyst, Bloc Internal Affairs Sect., RPB	
Chief Engineer Okinawa Bureau	Chief Engineer Mediterranean Bureau	
Teletypist Editorial Branch	Electronic Technician East Coast Bureau	
Editor Editorial Branch	Editor Okinawa Bureau	

3. Resignations

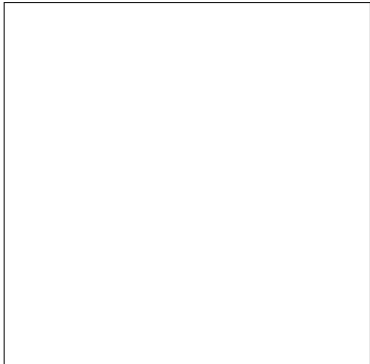


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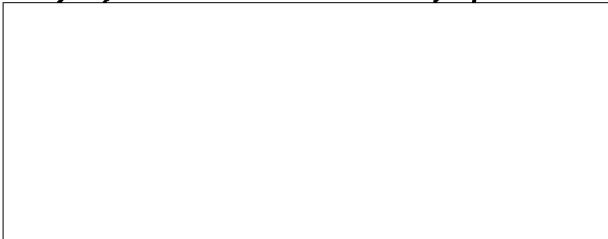
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Watch Officer
East Coast Bureau

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(Retirement)

Senior Editor
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